Socio-economic plans to tackle the menace of nexalism

1448. SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMACHANDRAYYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state the action taken for special socio-economic plans for development of nexalite affected States to fight nexalite menace?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): Keeping in view the overall dimensions of left wing extremist activities in some States, a high level Coordination Centre, headed by the Union Home Secretary with Chief Secretaries and Directors General of Police of the seriously affected States, as its members, regularly reviews and coordinates steps taken by the States to check left extremist activities, monitors the plan of action in respect of each State and makes recommendations both on development and security aspects of the problem.

The Government has requested the Planning Commission to include naxalite affected districts under Backward Districts Initiative (BDI) scheme which would provide for an additionality of Rs. 15 crores per year per district for the next 3 years so as to enable the States to fill in the critical gaps in physical and human infrastructure in the selected districts.

Dialogue with Hurriyat Conference

1449. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Kashmir Committee Chairman, Ram Jethmalani has been continuing dialogue with Hurriyat Conference on the Kashmir issue even after the formation of new State Government;

(b) what progress has been made in regards to resolving the issue and whether any significant change in the attitude of Hurriyat Conference has been noticed after the election in Kashmir;

(c) by when Government propose to hold talks with the elected representatives of Jammu and Kashmir and Hurriyat Conference will also be invited to participate; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) and (b) There have been media reports that Kashmir Committee has met Hurriyat Conference even after formation of new State Government in Jammu and Kashmir. The Kashmir Committee is a private initiative of individuals in which the Government has no role. The Government is, therefore, not aware of the progress, if any, made by this Committee in its efforts.

(c) and (d) Shri N.N. Vohra, former Union Home Secretary has been nominated to initiate and carry forward a dialogue process not only with the elected representatives but also with various organisations and concerned individuals in the State of Jammu and Kashmir.

Long-term solution of crimes committed by kids

1450. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about 40 per cent of the kids arrested and remanded to juvenile houses had committed rape, sodomy and molestation;

(b) whether Government are also aware that a reputed NGO-PRATIDHI, had found that petty crimes happened to be committed by the kids were due to a particular atmosphere of poverty and neglect; and

(c) whether Government would consider to hammer out a long-term solution to the problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) 'Police' and 'Public Order' are State subjects as per the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India and hence this information is not maintained Centrally.

(b) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, which is nodal Ministry for the purpose, have informed that no such report has been submitted to them by the NGO—PRADITHI.

(c) The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment have been administering Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000 relating to juveniles in conflict with the law and children in need of care and protection, by providing for proper care, by catering to their